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From: Nassif, Julianne (DPH)
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 12:11 PM
To: Han, Linda (DPH); Connolly, Grace (DPH)
Subject: FW: Drug Lab Info

Importance: High

Response needed for DA Sullivan below. LH, did we send this info to Geline Williams @ MA DAA?

From: Salem, Sharon (DPH)
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 11:56 AM
To: Nassif, Julianne (DPH)
Subject: Drug Lab Info

Hi Julie,

ADA David Sullivan (NWD) is requesting more information on the budget, operating costs, staffing levels, and sample loads of the Jamaica Plain drug lab, Worcester drug lab, and the state police lab in Sudbury.

He has been very concerned about the closure of our lab and is trying to obtain the necessary information to present the whole picture to the Governor and legislature. Would you please provide him with whatever information you have available?

I am pasting in the recent e-mail correspondence between him and Jim. I will also send him an e-mail letting him know I e-mailed you for the info, and maybe he will contact you directly.

Thanks,
Sharon

From: Sullivan2, David E (DAA) [<mailto:david.e.sullivan2@massmail.state.ma.us>]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2011 1:32 PM
To: Hanchett, James (DPH)
Subject: RE: Drug Lab closure

Jim I'm glad you have gotten good medical care. A burst appendix is serious business. I appreciate you having Sharon ask about information. Senator Rosenberg and his staff have been very helpful and I have provided them with updated information from you and others. Take care, Dave

From: Hanchett, James (DPH)
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2011 1:14 PM
To: Sullivan, David (NWD)
Subject: Re: Drug Lab closure

Hi Dave, Slight problem. I'm in Cooley-Dick (burst appendix 8/26). I will contact Sharon Salem and she if she can get the information for you from our boss Julie Nassif at the State Lab. Sorry for inconvenience. Jim

Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

From: "Sullivan, David (NWD)" <David.E.Sullivan2@MassMail.State.MA.US>

Date: Mon, 29 Aug 2011 11:14:16 -0400

To: Hanchett, James (DPH)<James.Hanchett@MassMail.State.MA.US>

Cc: Bucci, Jeremy (NWD)<Jeremy.Bucci@MassMail.State.MA.US>; Healy, Janice(NWD)<janice.healy@MassMail.State.MA.US>

Subject: Drug Lab closure

Dear Jim: Thanks for the info on UMass-Worcester lab and your current staffing levels and capacity. I believe the person who would have info on Jamaica Plain lab was coming back today. I'd like to confirm the number of chemists and other staff who work there and what it costs to operate this lab. In doing a cost-benefit analysis on this and other labs I'd like to have the numbers to present to the Governor and legislators. Our goal will be for the Governor to submit the \$300,000 in the supplemental budget and the legislature to approve of this sum.

Roughly, your lab handles 6,000 drug tests a cost of \$300,000 for approximately \$50 per test. The Worcester lab is pegged at \$400,000 annually so I'd like to know how many tests this lab does. The State police lab at Sudbury that performs the Middlesex County drug testing will be tougher to get costs but I'd like to know how many tests they perform.

Thanks for your continued assistance. Dave